

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team Workshop

BCT Key Players

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Administration's Strategy for Fast-Track Cleanup

- Five point plan announced in July 1993
- DoD, states, and EPA together worked to address challenge of Fast-Track Cleanup, which is an essential component of the Five Point Plan
- Answer = BCT
- “Overview of the Fast-Track Cleanup Program”

Think of the BCT as the Locomotive in Fast-Track Cleanup

- BCT is the force which drives all else; it is the body charged with expediting cleanup to foster real property transfer and reuse.
- Establishment and pursuit of common goals
- Innovative and more proactive approaches
- “Keys to Opening the Door to BCT Success,”
“United Efforts to Strengthen Cleanups -
Partnering Makes a Difference,” Innovative
Solutions Save Time and Money”

Think of the Other Stakeholders as the Railroad Ties Which Help Keep the Fast-Track Nailed Down

- BCTs are just one piece of the puzzle
- BCT is dependent upon a number of other key players to keep things on track and moving steadily ahead
- It is a very complex inter-relationship that requires communication early and often

Who Exactly Are the *Other* Stakeholders Involved with BRAC?

- Stakeholder = any person, group, or organization who is affected by or has a vested interest in an issue or the process used for resolution
- Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
- Base Transition Coordinator (BTC)
- Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA)
- Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)
- Community
- Tribes
- Project Team

Restoration Advisory Board

(the people focused on the cleanup)

- Is the forum for discussion and exchange of information regarding environmental activities among the installation, regulatory agencies, and the community
- Provides opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the restoration process and provide input to decision makers
- Concept is being duplicated in areas outside of BRAC

Base Transition Coordinator

(the community's advocate)

- Is appointed by DoD and works, at the local level, as ombudsman for community
- Is the community's primary problem solver and information source particularly on issues related to environmental restoration and property disposal and reuse
- Visit the BCTO Homepage at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/bctoweb/home.nsf>

Local Redevelopment Authority

(the people focused on finding new uses for the property)

- The entity recognized by DoD that is responsible for developing or implementing the community's redevelopment plan
- LRA member should participate on RAB because of dependent relationship between restoration and reuse
- Coordination of remedy selection process and reuse planning process is critical

Local Redevelopment Authority

*(the people focused on finding new uses
for the property)*

- “A Guide to Assessing Reuse and Remedy Alternatives at Closing Military Installations”
- ICMA Base Reuse Consortium Bulletin --
(202) 962-3645

Office of Economic Adjustment

(the people focused on finding new uses for the property)

- OEA project manager
- Comprehensive assistance provided to support community organization, planning, and transitional activities
- For many communities, assistance is primarily given early on in the process
- Types of assistance

Community

(the local citizenry impacted by the base closure/realignment)

- Includes individuals from local governments, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, houses of worship, and other interest groups
- They are the people whose quality of life may be impacted by decisions made during the environmental restoration and property disposal and reuse processes
- Essentially, the community is the “customer” in the BRAC process

Tribes

- Part of community
- Often overlooked
- Statutory right to be consulted

Project Team

- Provides technical support to the BCT as necessary
- No real formal body
- Regulatory technical experts, representatives of the installation or DoD component, other government agencies, and contractor personnel

Coordination Challenges

- Turnover
- Impact of regionalization
- Dynamic nature of reuse demands

Other Tools

- “Environmental Connections: A Resource Tool for BRAC Installations”
- “Fast Track to FOST: A Guide to Determining if Property is Environmentally Suitable for Transfer”
- EPA Homepage
 - *<http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr>*
- DoD Environmental Cleanup Homepage
 - *<http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/index.html>*
- Service Environmental Cleanup Homepages
 - Army: *<http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/brac/brac3.htm>*
 - Air Force: *<http://www.afbca.hq.af.mil>*